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On Scene Coordinator Adam Adams participates in Press Conference on 3/20/2019

The attached picture is from the meeting on 3/20/2019 with Sheila Jackson Lee and her constituents. Story was written by Steve Mason. I have included the staff in the field. If you need pictures of the rest of the group, they might be able to get one before the shift changes at 7 am this morning.

#### Region 6 Emergency Responders Help with Deer Park Fire

On Sunday March 17, a fire broke out within a tank farm at the Intercontinental Terminals Company in Deer Park Texas. A total of 11 tanks were involved in the fire, many of them collapsing with the contents burning or spilled within the containment area. The Houston and Pasadena Fire Departments and Channel Industries Mutual Aid were onsite performing fire suppression activities. Early on, a shelter-in-place advisory notice was issued for the City of Deer Park, as well as the closure of Highway 225 through Deer Park. The shelter-in-place advisory notice was lifted on March 18, 2019. OSCs Adam Adams, Steve Mason and Matt Loesel were deployed to the scene to integrate into the 24-hour response command structure, working closely with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and Harris County. Public Information Officer Assunto was also deployed to the Emergency Operations Center to integrate into the joint information center, providing review of press releases and assisting the public information officers on communication strategies. EPA OSCs were able to provide valuable recommendations to the responsible party and response organizations on environmental issues, including monitoring and sampling strategies, water response issues, and communicating to the public. Early on, EPA began air monitoring of the surrounding communities, including identified environmental justice areas as well as neighborhoods surrounding public schools, to determine if any constituents of the fire were present above action levels. Additionally, EPA conducted water sampling to determine if any hazardous substances were present in the fire-fighting water run-off. The EPA's ASPECT Plane and TAGA mobile laboratory provided additional monitoring capabilities within the communities. With only minor sporadic flare-ups, the fire was extinguished early in the morning of Wednesday, March 20. EPA personnel, working with our federal, state, and local partners continue to oversee the response and provide monitoring and sampling support to ensure the communities are properly protected.





With Regards, Steve

----- Original Message -----  
From: Smith, Monica  
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 9:18 PM  
To: Mason, Steve <[smason@pva.gov](mailto:smason@pva.gov)>  
Subject: Can you write a story for ra news letter on the fire  
  
Need to submit by 10am tomorrow  
  
Sent from my iPhone





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